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STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2023

Present: Rita Manriquez, Bill Rodrigues, Dorothy Ali'ilua, Karen Klemme, Wayne Parsons, Lisa Dau, Kristen Keech

Absent: Dr. Gina Bien

Excused: None

Others: Dr. John Solomon, UHM-College of Education (UHM-COE); BJ Wade, Brain Injury Association of Hawaii, Raegan

DOH Staff: Liana Falaniko, CRMS; Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Program

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair Bill Rodrigues. Quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting** –Board Member Karen Klemme motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Rita Manriquez seconded the motion. All Board Members present accepted minutes as written with a correction in the spelling of the name of the March 8 Kona Brain Injury support group speaker. Correction from Dr. Kathleen Steen to Dr. Katherine Steen.

III. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda accepted as written. No edits, questions, or discussion.

IV. **New Business:**

A. None

V. **Old Business:**

A. Project Head, Neck, Spine (HNS) update:

Report by Dr. John Solomon: Eight (8) new students enrolled. Five (5) students completed at least half-way and four (4) finished the courses. At-home enrollment increased by one (1) student at the high school level on Oahu.

Evaluative data on middle and high school average scores remained the same. Pre-test score is 65.2% and post-test is 77.5%, difference of 12.3%. Upper elementary scores remained consistent. Pre-test score is 85% and post-test is 100%, difference of 15%. Lower elementary scores remained consistent. Pre-test score is 90% and post-test is 93.3%, difference of 3.3%.

Demographics on the Educators Course showed no new educators taking the course. In the Fall, twenty-seven (27) teachers finished the professional development course. The Spring course is set to start at the end of February and run through May 2023. Dr. Solomon just received confirmation from Waimea High School on Kauai to be a vendor at their March 2023 health fair to continue promotion of the HNS program.

B. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii):

Report by BJ Wade: Brain Injury Association of Hawaii supports all Hawaii brain injury groups equally and does not sponsor any individual brain injury support groups. To make this clear, the support group formerly known as Brain Injury

Association of Hawaii Support Group has officially changed their name to Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG). Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is assisting BIOSG to find a permanent meeting place that will afford privacy for regularly scheduled meetings. BIOSG is hoping to eventually hold two meetings a month. One meeting on a Saturday and one on a weekday.

The Brain Injury Association of Hawaii board of directors held their first “face-to-face” meeting since the pandemic on January 21, 2023. Board members volunteered to chair committees, approve by-laws, and began working on policies and procedures. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii welcomed three (3) new board members: Karen Klemme, Dr. Allana Coffee (Honolulu Psychology Collective), and Pamela Lundquist Esq (Lundquist Law) officially making them a full membered board with eight (8) members.

In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness month, the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii will be a vendor at Waipahu District Park's Health Fair being held on April 1, 2023. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii is funding staff from Hawaii Bicycling League to put on a bike rodeo at the health fair. HBL will do hands-on training to teach children how to bike safely.

Brain Injury Association of Hawaii continues to work with the surf and lifeguard community in planning for water safety presentations that result in head injuries.

C. Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC) Update:

Report by Lisa Dau: In January the KIPC trainers successfully trained and certified ten (10) new car seat technicians on Kauai. In February the KIPC trainers successfully trained and certified twenty-one (21) new car seat technicians on Maui, eighteen (18) of whom were police officers. March is Brain Injury

Awareness Month and KMCWC will be participating in DOE's Driver Excellence event at Aloha Stadium for teen drivers and their parents. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. To show support for the prevention of child abuse, please wear blue clothing every Friday for the month of April.

D. Legislative Activity

The group expressed general opposition to bills that would legalize marijuana and support for bills to lower the legal limit at which a person is determined to be intoxicated.

E. TBI News from around the State:

Karen Klemme: Kona Brain Injury Support Group

February's meeting presenter was Dr. DeSoto, a naturopathic physician, presenting on stress and the effects on the body. Dr. DeSoto focused on sympathetic vs. parasympathetic nervous system and benefits of stimulating the vagus nerve. March's presentation will be Katherine Steen talking about neuro fatigue and neuro plasticity. For April, neuropsychologist Dr. Lina Mohapatra will talk about the work of a neuropsychologist, benefits of testing and neurocognitive re-training.

Rita Manriquez: Rita shared a personal experience of a teachable moment while in the community. "A brain injury is not a mental health condition."

Kristen Keech: While on leave, Kristen created a brain injury resource book. As an employee of QMC, Kristen's resource book has been deemed the property of QMC and she needs to obtain permission from QMC before she can share it.

Kristen is also doing a study on streamlining professionals' education to obtain her doctorate. To this end, in April she is scheduled to travel to Kansas to present her findings.

Wayne Parsons: There is also work being done to step up enforcement of military codes to increase window safety in military housing units. Work on window falls legislation is moving from window safety embedded in military codes to now being applied to private building codes.

Looking for schools to do Distracted Driving presentations for teens and adults.

F. DOH Update:

- Working on BrainSpace contract with UH to expand and update concussion information to younger athletes.
- Along with community partners, NTP will be at YMCA Healthy Kids event on April 1, 2023. In addition to the bike rodeo at Leeward YMCA, resource tables with a brain injury simulation activity will be set up for Kalihi and Nuuanu YMCAs.
- NTP will also be participating in DOE's Drivers Excellence event on March 25, 2023 with KMCWC and QMC.

VI. **Announcements:**

None.

VII. **Next Meeting:** State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Meeting

Date: May 9, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Kinau Hale

1250 Punchbowl Street
1st Floor Boardroom
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

OR

Zoom – Meeting ID: 575890360

Join Zoom Meeting Via Computer or Mobile Device:

<https://zoom.us/j/575890360>

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VIII. **2023 STBIAB Meeting Dates**

March 7, May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14

Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 pm.